



# OPEN SESSION MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, January 4, 2021

CAROLE JULIUS, CHAIRMAN  
DAVID SHEEDY, VICE CHAIRMAN  
PETER SPAGONE JR, CLERK

REMOTE MEETING  
175 CENTRAL STREET  
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

Members Present: Carole Julius, David Sheedy and Peter Spagone Jr.

Members Absent:

Others Present: Brian Noble, Town Administrator and Rebecca Johnson, Assistant to Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen

5:00 pm Carole Julius called the meeting to order.

Ms. Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## OPEN FORUM

### APPOINTMENTS

Timothy Harhen, Fire Chief and Sue Mulloy, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health were present to discuss the COVID-19 testing site in town. Chief Harhen stated the testing will be Saturday, January 9, 2021 from 8 am - 4 pm and Sunday, January 10, 2021 from 8 am - 2 pm at the Jr/Sr High School. He stated this will be an outdoor drive through event. Residents will stay in their vehicles. Residents will enter the high school parking lot from Plymouth Street and line up along road that leads out to Bedford Street. The tent will be located outside by the cafeterias. He thanked the school for providing the outdoor space. Ms. Mulloy stated the information and registration link will be posted on the Town's website. Forms are to be filled out, printed, and brought with you. The online form is just a quick and safe process. She stated you do not have to preregister to attend. Ms. Mulloy mentioned this is a "PCR" test meaning the results are not instant. She recommended people who are getting tested, think they were exposed or not feeling well, need to quarantine until results are received. The Board of Selectmen commended both for their work and efforts.

### ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve but not release minutes of the November 16, 2020 6:40 pm Executive Session Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve minutes of the November 23, 2020 6:00 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve minutes of the December 2, 2020 11:00 am Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve minutes of the December 7, 2020 4:30 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve minutes of the December 14, 2020 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve minutes of the December 18, 2020 2:00 pm Board of Selectmen's

Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve 1.5% increase non-union COLA. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the Emergency Sick Leave Policy. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Noble stated FFCRA policy expires on December 31, 2020. This policy is to fill the void in 2021.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the cost allocation agreement between the Town of East Bridgewater and the East Bridgewater School District. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. John Shea, School Business Administrator stated there hadn't been a formal agreement between the town and school committee up until now.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to adopt Energy Reduction Plan, prepared by Old Colony Planning Council. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Noble commended Brian Kiely and Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC for their work and efforts.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to move the recommendation to award the general contract to Titan Roofing, Inc as the low, responsible bidder for the Central School A.R.P. Roof Project until next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Noble stated the Town is not ready to move forward as he did not receive recommendation from Town Counsel on the contract.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to move agreement between the Town of East Bridgewater and Titan Roofing, Inc for the Central School Roof Project until next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve Town Planner job description. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Noble and Mr. Spagone Jr. both commended Roy Gardner, Planning Board, Patrick Franey, Building Commissioner and David Sheedy for their work and efforts.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve to post Town Planner job position. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to review proposed changes to S.2290, An Act providing for recall elections in the town of East Bridgewater. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy stated this is a citizen's petition which was approved at last year's town meeting. He mentioned Town Counsel, State Legislature, both State Senators and Representatives agreed this should be enforced.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve renewal of the following Class II license for the period ending January 1, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

#### LICENSE #23

Joseph Savino dba Route #106 Motors  
569 West Street

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting schedule as follows, subject to change. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Monday, January 4  
Monday, January 25

Monday, May 10  
Monday, May 24

Monday, September 13  
Monday, September 27

Monday, February 8  
Monday, February 22

Monday, June 14

Monday, October 18

Monday, March 8  
Monday, March 22

Monday, July 12

Monday, November 15  
Monday, November 29

Monday, April 5  
Monday, April, 26

Monday, August 9

Monday, December 13  
Monday, December 27

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Town Meeting January 11, 2021 at 7 pm Jr/Sr High School.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, January 25, 2021

#### BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Sheedy stated that Senator Timothy's Office placed a \$25,000 COVID amendment for district cities/towns. He was informed that the money has been included in the Plymouth County Cares Act which is available to the Town.

Mr. Spagone Jr. stated on Thursday, January 7 he will be meeting with Mr. Noble, Town Administrator, John Haines, Director of Public Works, Town Counsel as well as Weston and Sampson regarding their "Feasibility Study" for the Route 18 project.

Town Clerk, Susan Gillpatrick was present to update residents on the Annual Town Election that will take place Saturday, April 10, 2021. Ms. Gillpatrick stated nomination papers are now available at the Town Clerk's office by appointment only. Please call the Town Clerk's Office with any questions. 508-378-1606. The last day to obtain papers is Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

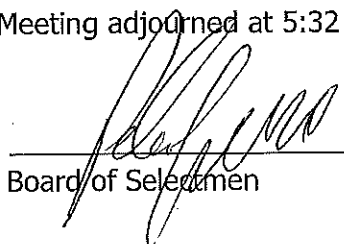
Mr. Noble stated the Selectmen were entering into Executive Session Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a)(3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Ms. Julius made a motion to move into Executive Session and not return to open session, Mr. Sheedy seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Julius: Aye, Mr. Sheedy: Aye, Mr. Spagone Jr: Aye. All were in favor, 3-0

#### ADJOURN

Motion by Julius, second by Mr. Sheedy. to adjourn. All were in favor, 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm

  
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Board of Selectmen Clerk